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PSC CHAIRMAN GOSS NAMED TO NATIONAL COAL COUNCIL *Appointed by U.S. Secretary of Energy to policy advisory group*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 13, 2007) – Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) Chairman Mark David Goss has been named to the National Coal Council (NCC), the chief advisory panel on federal coal policy.

U.S. Secretary of Energy Samuel W. Bodman named Goss to the NCC as the representative of utility regulators in the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Goss, whom Governor Ernie Fletcher recently reappointed to a second four-year term as PSC chairman, said his service on the NCC is an opportunity to represent Kentucky's interests and concerns at the federal level.

"My principal role on the NCC will be to present the views of utility regulators as a whole," Goss said. "But certainly, given Kentucky's status as both our nation's third-largest coal producer and a state that relies on coal for nearly all of its electricity, I think it is critical to also present Kentucky's perspective on the use of our nation's most abundant energy resource."

The appointment to the NCC is the third time this year Goss has been named to a position that places him at the center of the national dialogue on the future of coal. In January he was appointed chairman of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) subcommittee on clean coal technology. In March, he was appointed to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Advanced Coal Technology Work Group.

Governor Fletcher said that it is essential that Kentucky be an active participant in discussions of national energy policy.

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“National policy decisions impact Kentucky, especially as concerns the use of coal. Kentucky must have a seat at the table,” Governor Fletcher said. “I am grateful to Chairman Goss for his willingness to take on these additional responsibilities so that Kentucky’s voice will be heard.”

The NCC, created in 1984, advises the Secretary of Energy on issues relating to coal. In his letter inviting Goss to serve on the NCC, Bodman said the most important current issue is how to continue relying on coal as an energy source while addressing the environmental impacts associated with coal combustion.

Goss said that is the foremost energy policy question facing Kentucky.

“We must find ways to use coal in an environmentally sound and economically feasible way in the coming decades,” Goss said. “Kentucky needs to maintain coal as a major source of jobs and tax revenues, and this state cannot afford to lose the economic advantages that come with having some of the most affordable electric power in the nation.”

Governor Fletcher first appointed Goss to head the PSC in February 2004. If he is confirmed by the Kentucky Senate, his current term would end on June 30, 2011.

Goss also is a member of the board of directors of NARUC and serves on NARUC’s Electricity Committee. He is past president of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC) and is on the board of directors of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (MACRUC). He also serves on the board of directors of the Organization of MISO (Midwest Independent System Operator) States (OMS) and is on the board of directors and executive committee of the Organization of PJM States, Inc. (OPSI). (PJM Interconnection is a regional transmission organization that serves Kentucky, the District of Columbia, and 12 other Midwestern and mid-Atlantic states.)

Prior to joining the PSC Goss was a partner with his father, Eugene Goss, in the law firm of Goss & Goss Attorneys in Harlan.

The PSC is an independent agency attached for administrative purposes to the Department of Public Protection in the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet. It regulates more than 1,500 gas, water, sewer, electric and telecommunication utilities operating in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and has approximately 110 employees.